



**Fatality #2 - January 27, 2006**  
**Machinery - Oregon - Stone (C&B)**  
**Northfork Excavating Inc. - Northfork Excavating Inc.**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - - On January 27, 2006, a 60-year old heavy equipment operator with 10 years mining experience was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. He was operating a dozer to prepare a bench for drilling. The dozer traveled over the edge of a 50-foot highwall and fell to the quarry floor, submerging the cab in several feet of mud and water.



### **Best Practices**

- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage (SLAM) each task to identify all potential hazards before performing work.
- Maintain and wear seat belts when operating machinery.
- Always keep the blade between yourself and the edge of the highwall when operating a dozer on the highwall bench.
- Operate equipment so that control is maintained.
- Reduce the throttle position and know how to immediately stop the dozer when working near the edge of the highwall.
- Provide adequate illumination when work is performed during non-daylight hours.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2006 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2005, there was one fatality reported in these industries. This is the 1st fatality classified as Machinery in 2006. There were no Machinery fatalities in the same period in 2005.

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